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Subject: Support for a grant to Five Cities Fire Authority to continue their great support of the Oceano Dunes.

FRIENDS OF OCEANO DUNES, INC. ("FRIENDS"), is a California not-for-profit corporation representing approximately 28,000 members and users of Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area ("Oceano Dunes SVRA") located near Pismo Beach, California. According to its Articles of Incorporation, FRIENDS is formed for the express purpose of preserving and developing recreational uses in the Oceano Dunes area of San Luis Obispo County, California.

In 2005 the Oceano Fire Department began providing emergency response to the California State Parks Oceano Dunes Recreational area. Since the beginning of the contractual agreement, the Oceano Fire Department has provided excellent services to the Oceano Dunes area. In July 2010, the Oceano Community Services District decided to contract with the Five Cities Fire Authority for fire protection and ever since, the Five Cities Fire Authority has been providing the same level of service to the Oceano Dunes.

It has now been 8 years since the beginning of the contract with California State Parks, and the current emergency response vehicle needs to be replaced. The Five Cities Fire Authority has been doing everything possible to keep the current emergency response vehicle in service by absorbing the cost of maintenance and repairs. These costs have slowly increased over the years.

Please assist the Five Cities Fire Authority in providing this valuable service to the California State Parks Oceano Dunes area by approving the grant for a new emergency response vehicle.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JS' with a stylized flourish.

Jim Suty
President – Friends of Oceano Dunes

State appointed OHV Representative on the Oceano Dunes
SVRA Technical Review Team

CC: Brent Marshall, ODSVRA Superintendent
FRIENDS Board of Directors

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